# 2017

# North Canton Police Annual Report



Chief John Minock 12/31/2017

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Fourth of July Main St.



## **Vision**

- ➤ To effectively respond to the adaptive challenges created by a growing community that continues to maintain a low crime rate and high quality of life.
- ➤ Deliver policing that responds to the needs of the community and engages them to share in the responsibility of keeping North Canton a great community.

The North Canton Police Department is a professional organization continually seeking opportunities to serve our community through crime prevention involving education followed by implementation, perfecting the efficiency of our police department operations and providing excellent customer service.

## **Mission Statement**

The North Canton Police Department is committed "to protect and serve the public with fairness, impartiality, and respect in accordance with the law, with the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe and desirable place to live, work and visit."

## **Fundamental Values**

Integrity – Community Trust – Communications – Employee Trust – Problem Solving & Leadership

## Message From the CHIEF OF POLICE



Welcome to the North Canton Police Department's 2017 Annual Report. This report includes information and statistics about the activities of the North Canton Police Department, our community and the services it provides. The information and crime statistics in this report are presented in separate charts or categories.

I feel a personal responsibility to ensure that our service meets North Canton's expectations. A combination of new, young officers and experienced veterans with the support of our Dispatch personnel has resulted in a very pro-active and effective presence in our city. The safety, security, and sense of well-being of every member of the North Canton community is the foremost responsibility of each individual within the Police Department. Once again this year, the city and I can be proud of the job that our department has performed.

The interest that North Canton residents take in maintaining our quality of life is a major contributing factor in the success of the Police Department, and the city. An amazing amount of cards, letters, phone calls, and other greatly appreciated gestures remind us of the crucial support we receive from our community. Information and feedback from citizens helps direct our efforts in service to the community.

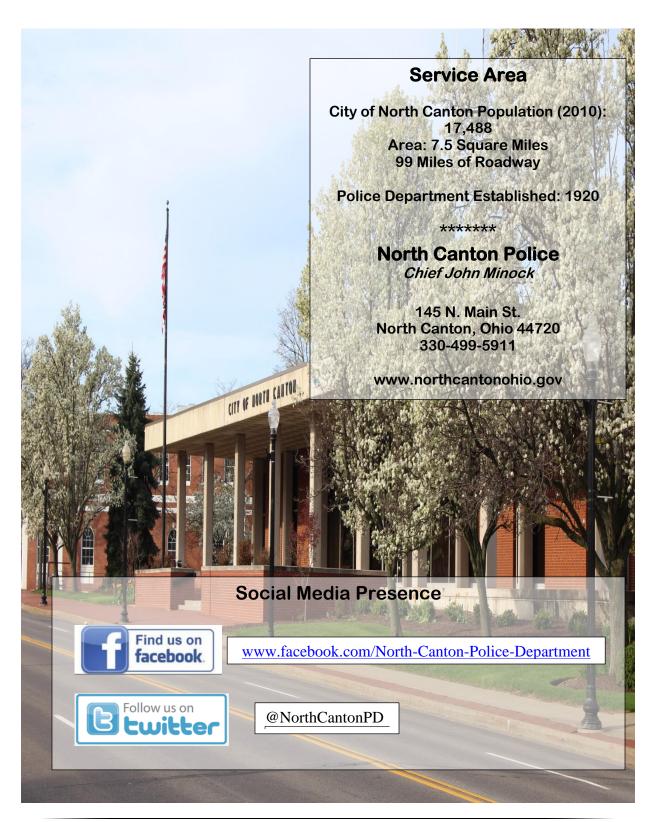
Thank you to all the residents of and visitors to our city for your continued help and support!

Sincerely,

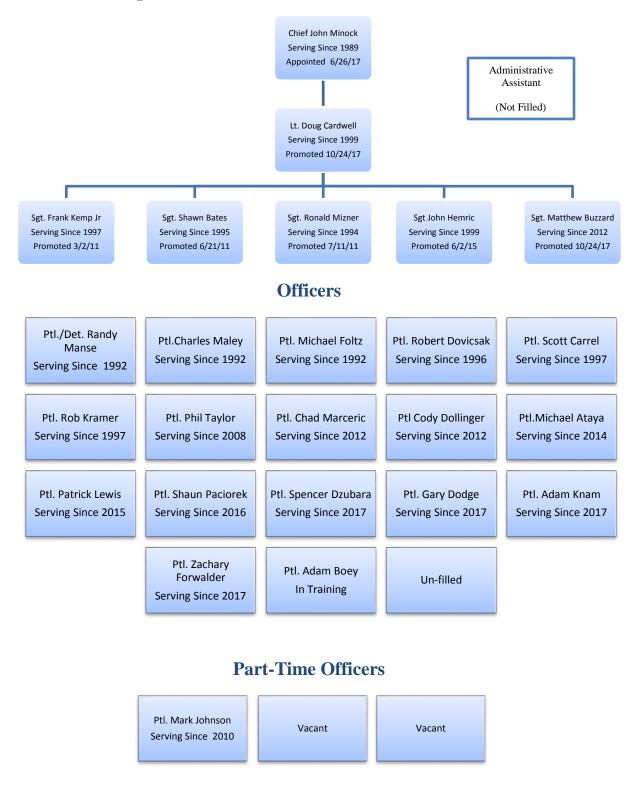
John R Minock, Chief of Police

John R Minock

## **General Information**



## Department Personnel / Rank Structure

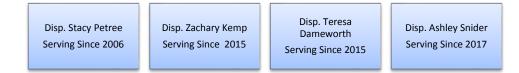


## Department Personnel / Rank Structure (continued)

### **Communications / Records**



### **Part-Time Dispatchers**



In the hierarchy of the department structure the Lead Dispatcher reports to the Lieutenant, who oversees Operations.

## **Department Operations / Special Assignments**

In addition to Patrol Duties many of our officers are assigned secondary special assignments to support our overall mission. Below listed in no specific order are some of the assignments and the allocation of officers/supervisors for 2017.

Regional Co-op Swat Team	2
Crisis Negotiators	2
School Resource Officers	2
Certified Crime Prevention Specialists	3
Field Training Officers	5
Firearms Instructors	5
Stark County OVI Task Force	5
Public Information Officers	2
Stark Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau Member	1
U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force Member	1
Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Member	1
Internet Technology	2

## Personnel Changes

## **RETIREMENTS**

Chief Stephan Wilder



Ptl. Mark Hipp

Ptl. James Harnack







### **NEW HIRES**

Adam Knam Full-Time Officer Adam Boey Full-Time Officer Ashley Snider as PT-Dispatcher

### **PROMOTIONS**

Chief John Minock
Lt. Doug Cardwell
Sgt. Matt Buzzard
Ptl. Spencer Dzubara to Full-Time
Ptl. Gary Dodge to Full-Time
Ptl. Zachary Forwalder to Full-Time

### **MOVING ON**

Part Time Ptl. Stephan Altieri

### **REMEMBERING**

Part Time Ptl. Dru Rhodes Serving 2014 - 2017

## Awards and Recognition

## Stark County Safe Communities Coalition

## **2017 Traffic Officer of the Year**



**Ptl. Patrick Lewis** 

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS**

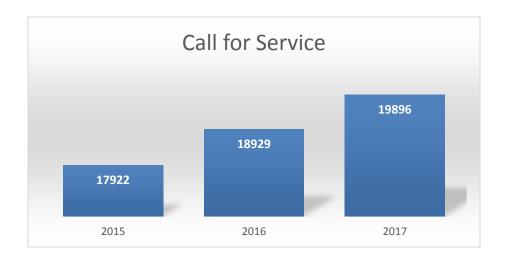
Housed within City Hall the Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center. The Center dispatches emergency and non-emergency calls for the Police, Fire, and EMS Departments. In addition the Center maintains interaction with the Street, Sewer, Water, and Engineering Departments as well as the Walsh University Police Department. The Center has seven full-time dispatchers with one serving as the Lead Dispatcher. It also currently has three part-time dispatchers to supplement the 24 hour scheduling.

The dispatchers are a vital and yet the least visible link between the community and each of the emergency services. They handle thousands of calls each year that include telephone calls, radio calls, alarm calls, TDD/TTY calls for the hearing impaired, 911 calls, and after-hour city service calls. They activate the tornado sirens, unlock the Knox Box keys, and they handle walk-in citizen contacts. Calls range from the mundane such as lost dogs, parking complaints, and "what time does the parade or fireworks start?" to serious life and death situations such as accidents with injury, structure fires, and "I don't feel like living anymore." It is the dispatcher's responsibility to quickly assess the calls and decide what the proper response will be. This can range from simply answering a question, dispatching Police/Fire/EMS to a major incident, or keeping a suicidal caller on the line while simultaneously dispatching help.

The Center handles incoming 911 calls through the Sentinel E911 Patriot system provided by the Stark County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). There are two answering points that work in conjunction with mapping software to assist in determining the proper jurisdictional response to emergencies.

Dispatchers serve multiple functions that enable the Department to keep administrative and clerical staff at a minimum. As part of the dispatchers' multi-tasking responsibilities they are responsible for record storage, record keeping, and record release functions. The dispatchers are responsible for the largest portion of data entry for the department. The center handles all

Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) entries for our department as well as those for the Walsh University Police Department, which is located within the city's jurisdiction. LEADS and NCIC computers serve as an electronic communication network to retrieve driver's license information including images, criminal history checks, warrant notifications, parole status alerts to missing person, notifications about dangerous persons and incidents, and many other types of law enforcement data. Early in 2012 the department added Authority RedHawk Software to the Center and in the patrol cars. The new software allows them to communicate over a secure server along with accessing and sharing much of the same information previously only available on station.

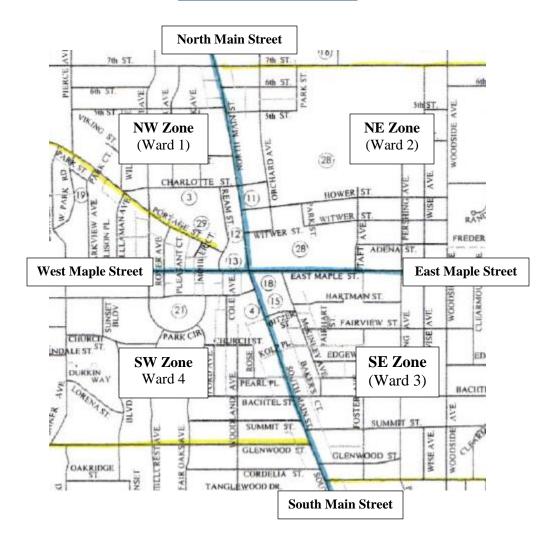


A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster/Intoxilyzer 8000 machine, and other activities that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many activities and ensures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Service requiring additional follow-up are monitored by supervisors to insure that all calls are handled properly. The above chart shows the number of Calls For Service handled over the past 3 years.

## <u>UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION</u>

The Patrol Division comprises the largest and most visible segment of the department. During 2017 the Division consists of five sergeants, sixteen full-time patrol officers, and three part-time patrol officers. The Patrol Division is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Most of the patrol officers are assigned to the day shift, afternoon shift, or the midnight shift. One patrol officer is assigned to the swing shift to fill in as needed. There is a sergeant assigned to supervise each shift. The Shift-Sergeants report to the Lieutenant in Charge of Operations. The Lieutenant reports directly to the Chief of Police.

### **POLICE ZONES**



For patrol purposes the city is divided up into four quadrants or zones. To keep things simple these zones match the street name direction designators. Depending on the shift and manpower there can be one patrol car assigned to each zone. At the minimum there will be a patrol car assigned to patrol both northern zones and one assigned to patrol both southern zones. In addition to the zone cars, there may be a floating car, which will randomly patrol all four zones. Additional cars can be assigned to special patrol duties such as traffic enforcement, neighborhoods, accidents, etc.

The patrol officers are the first responders to a wide range of different calls ranging from domestic disputes, robberies, assaults, suspicious persons, noise complaints, and alarms. The patrol officers are the backbone of the police department and are directly responsible for our reputation of delivering great service. Most of the Patrol Division officers also have other assignments in addition to their patrol responsibilities.

Traffic issues and enforcement are a major responsibility of the Patrol Division, and probably account for most of the patrol officer's time. These duties include parking and traffic enforcement, and crash investigation.

### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

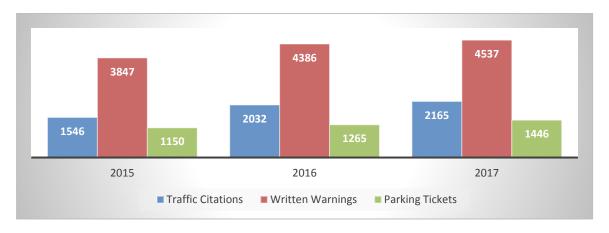
A citation can be issued for a violation of the traffic section of the City Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code. Mayor's court can only hear violations of City Ordinances. At the end of 2017 Mayor's court was closed and all adult citations are currently being sent to Canton Municipal Court. The Canton Municipal Court can hear violations of both City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Family Court handles all juvenile traffic violations.



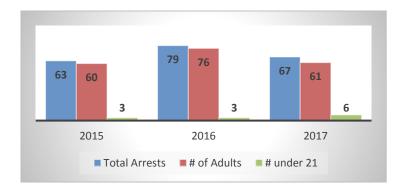
Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

Parking tickets are issued for various violations of the Parking Ordinance. These include, but are not limited to, handicapped parking, fire lane, overtime, and no parking zone violations. Failure to pay multiple parking tickets can result in the vehicle being impounded.

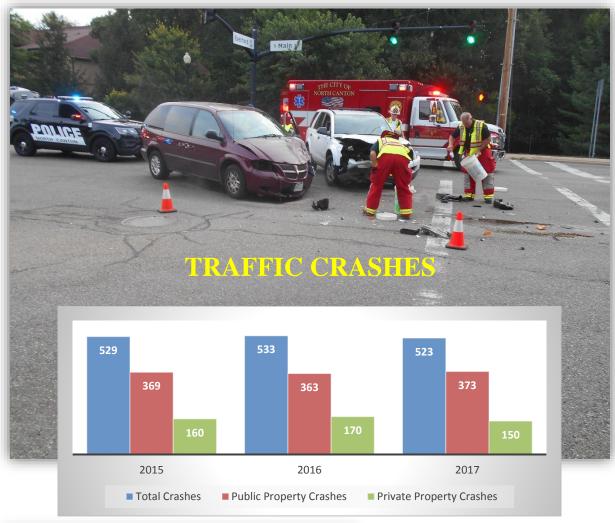
### TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS



### O.V.I. ARRESTS



The total number also includes O.V.I Task Force Arrests





## **OVI TASK FORCE**

The North Canton Police Department continued its participation in the Stark County OVI Task Force in 2017. For 2017 the calendar year of operation ran from January thru September. The Task Force was funded by a state grant with the goal of reducing OVI related traffic crashes and incidents of operating a vehicle while impaired or distracted drivers.

Nineteen Stark county law enforcement agencies make up the Stark County OVI Task Force. The Stark County Sheriff's Office continued as the administrator of the Task Force for 2017. Additional entities involved in the program include: Stark County Safe Communities, Stark County Health Department, MADD, Stark County Family Court, Canton Municipal Court, Stark County Common Pleas Court, Prosecutor's office, media outlets, and schools throughout Stark County.

Sergeant John R. Hemric was assigned as the commander of the North Canton Police Departments OVI Task Force. He along with four other North Canton officers participated as members of the Stark County OVI Task Force. The Task Force objectives were to educate the public in safe driving and to deter drivers from driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. The Task Force worked to achieve these goals by a combination of enforcement actions. They participated in saturation patrols, seatbelt enforcement patrols, and motorcycle

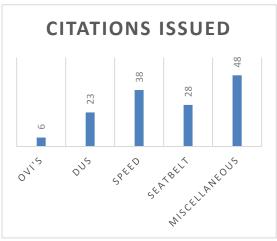


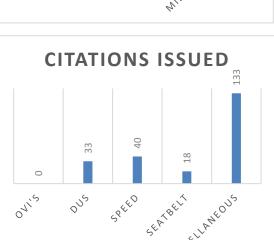
enforcement patrols. With assistance from the Stark County Sheriff's Office and members from other OVI Task Force agencies, the North Canton Police Department conducted two

OVI Checkpoints in 2017. The department also participated in two national campaigns: "Click it or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over".

### **SATURATION PATROLS**

The North Canton officers assigned to the Task Force worked a total of more than 300 enforcement hours in patrolling the roadways for impaired drivers while conducting over 500 traffic stops. All members of the OVI Task Force were sworn in as Special Deputies with the Stark County Sheriff's Office, which gave them arrest powers anywhere in Stark County while working Task Force hours.





## STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2016 "CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN

- 1. 6 Operating Vehicle Intoxicated
- 2. 28 Seatbelt Violations
- 3. 38 Speed Violations
- 4. 48 Miscellaneous Violations
- 5. 23 Driving Under Suspension Violations
- 6. 243 Written Warnings
- 7. 317 Traffic Stops

## STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2016 "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER"

- 1. 0 Operating Vehicle Intoxicated
- 2. 18 Seatbelt Violations
- 3. 40 Speed Violations
- 4. 133 Miscellaneous Violations
- 5. 33 Driving Under Suspension Violations
- 6. 240 Written Warnings
- 7. 308 Traffic Stops

### Speed Monitoring and Awareness

The North Canton Police Department continues the use of a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. The "Speed Trailer" is used to make motorists aware of their speed. The Department utilizes the trailer to focus on problem areas.



The Department also utilizes two Stealth Stats, which

are small radar units contained in pole-mountable cases. These units allow the Department to record the speed and number of vehicles using the targeted area. The data received from the Stealth Stats is generally more reliable, since drivers are usually unaware that the unit is there. The information compiled aids the Department in focusing on problem areas. The units are also utilized to conduct traffic counts, which assist in identifying needed changes to existing traffic controls.

Any resident wishing to have the Speed Trailer or Stealth Stat placed in their neighborhood may call and make a request. All requests should be directed to Sgt. Ronald

Mizner who oversees the program. He can be reached at 330-499-5911 or rmizner@northcantonohio.gov.

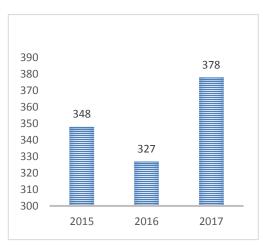
During the summer of 2017 the City added several new electronic speed signs throughout the area. The goal is to increase public safety by making driver's aware of how fast they are actually travelling compared to the posted Speed Limit. These signs are not being used for any enforcement actions.

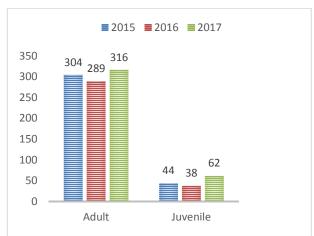


### CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS

### **Total Criminal Arrests**

### **Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests**



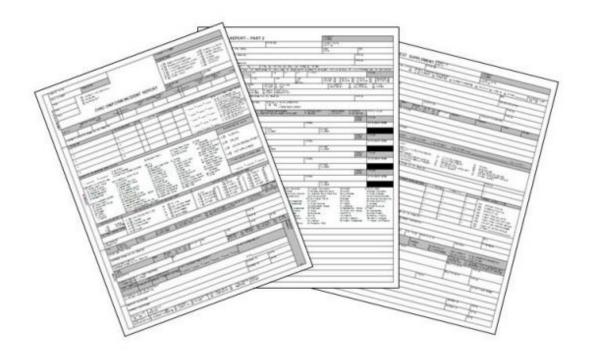


In 2017, the Police Department filed criminal charges against a total of 378 individuals: 316 adults and 62 juveniles. Criminal charges are classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony. Misdemeanors are considered less serious than felonies. Misdemeanor charges against adults are heard by Canton Municipal Court. Penalties range from a fine up to \$1,000.00 and/or incarceration in the County Jail for up to 6 months. Felony charges against adults are heard by the Stark County Common Pleas Court, and penalties generally range from a fine up to \$15,000.00 and/or a maximum of life in prison at a State Correctional Institute. Aggravated Murder convictions are also felonies and carry a maximum fine of \$25,000.00 and/or a possible death sentence. All traffic and criminal charges against juveniles are heard by the Stark County Family Court, unless that Family Court Judge refers the case to the Adult Court.

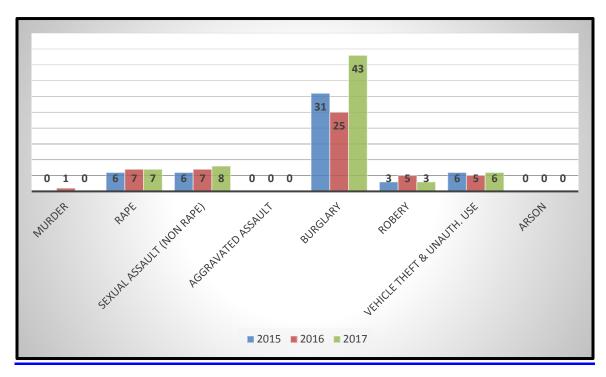
The patrol officers (reporting officers) file most criminal charges. The patrol officers are generally dispatched to reported crimes, and conduct the initial inquiry into those incidents. The officers start by conducting preliminary investigations and complete the initial reports. Other actions by the reporting officers might include but are not limited to: scene preservation, conducting interviews, and preserving and collecting evidence. Many times the reporting officers will make an on-scene arrest of the perpetrator(s). Further follow-up investigation

might also be conducted by the patrol officers which could include consulting with the Prosecutor's Office about appropriate charges. If the patrol officer does not file charges on the case it might be referred to the Detective Bureau, another outside law enforcement agency, or non-law enforcement agency, or in some cases a combination of two or more agencies.

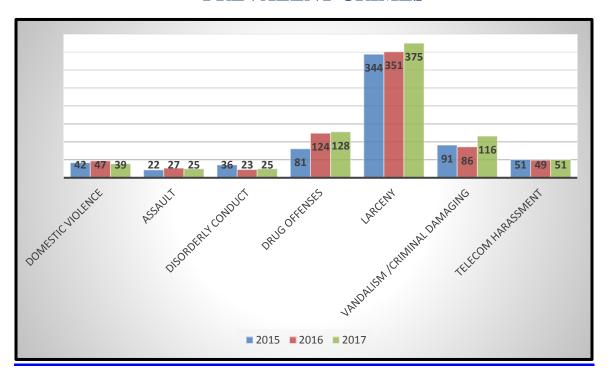
When charges are filed against a juvenile or adult, the offender can either be summoned to court or incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or Juvenile Attention Center, this depends on the type and seriousness of the offense.



# CITY OF NORTH CANTON MAJOR CRIMES



### **PREVALENT CRIMES**



## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**



In 2017 the Detective Bureau consisted of one full-time officer. Continuing past practice, other officers have been assigned to the Detective Bureau on a part-time basis to assist with specific cases or heavy workloads.

During 2017 the Detective Bureau became involved in approximately 125 investigations, 119 that were criminal cases. The Detective Bureau had an overall clearance rate of 60.5%.

#### The following are some of the duties the Detective Bureau performs on a regular basis:

- Criminal Investigations.
- Non-Criminal Investigations (e.g. missing persons).
- Background Investigations (for applicants).
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- Transport evidence to and from the crime laboratories.
- Transport evidence, paperwork, and reports to the prosecutor's offices, courts, and other criminal justice agencies.
- Monthly Stark County Criminal Intelligence meetings.
- Monthly Belden Village Retail
   Security meetings.

All incident reports are forwarded to the Detective Bureau where they are reviewed and criminal cases are checked for any solvability factors. The cases that the Detective Bureau investigates ultimately get classified as one of the following:

"Active Open" Case is actively being investigated by the Detective Bureau.

"Inactive Open" Case that has not been cleared, but is not actively being

investigated usually because of the lack of evidence.

"Unfounded" Case that has been proven to be false.

"Cleared" Case that has been closed for some reason. There are various

reasons that cases are classified as "Cleared:"

 A suspect has been charged, indicted, or an arrest warrant has been issued.

The victim requests no further action or refuses to cooperate.

The case is solved, but no criminal charges are

- The case is solved, and the victim is referred to the prosecutor for further action.
- The case is referred to another agency for follow-up.

### **DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATION STATISTICS**

Year	Total Investigations	Total Criminal Cases	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Overall Clearance Rate %
2015	169	158	75	57	58.86
2016	132	121	64	47	62.81
2017	125	119	70	52	60.50

### **Detective Bureau Notable Cases 2016**

- Reopened 2008 case involving A Hoover Swim Coach. Felony Indictments were ultimately issued by Stark County Grand Jury after the continued investigation.
- Investigation and felony criminal charges relating to the vandalism and discharging of a firearm against Dehoff Realty and St. Paul's Church.
- Identification and felony criminal charges against an individual from the Cleveland area that was cashing fraudulent checks at Key Bank.
- Insurance Fraud investigation that lead to filing charges against an individual in Stark County and surrounding counties.

## School Resource Officer



Patrolman James Harnack was assigned as the Departments full-time SRO until his retirement in the spring of 2017. He handled most of the daily school related incidents and worked closely with School Administrators, students and families to resolve problems through conflict resolution and intervention.

Detective Randy Manse conducts his normal duties in the Detective Bureau as well as criminal investigations for the School District. He also oversees safety drills for the school system.

After the retirement of Ptl. Harnack the department temporarily assigned Ptl. Steve Altieri and then Ptl. Spencer Dzubara to the position.

Beginning in 2018 Officer Phil Taylor is being assigned to the position of School Resource Officer. We anticipate that this will be an increasing role as time goes on.

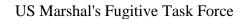
## Regional Participation

Regional SWAT Team





Stark County Sheriff's Office Metro Narcotics Unit







OVI Task Force

### **Property Room**



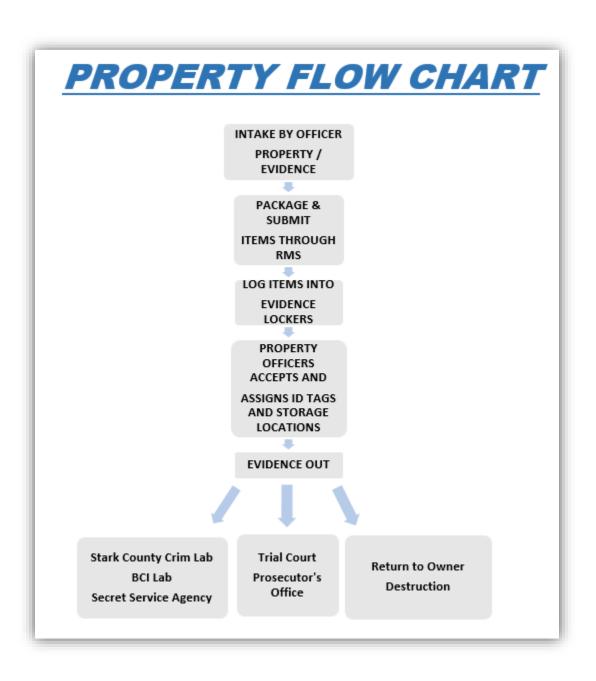
The North Canton Police Department property room is supervised by Lt. Douglas Cardwell. Sgt. John Hemric and Ptl. Phil Taylor are property room officers who manage the day to day operations for the property room. All property room officers have been certified in property inventory management. In addition to being the evidence custodians of the department, these officers maintain their full-time assignments in patrol and supervision. Any evidence or property taken into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items range from criminal evidence to recovered property that is turned in from the public. Criminal evidence may be as simple as a latent fingerprint lift from a crime scene or a large scale item such as a motor vehicle involved in a fatality. All evidence is examined by one of two separate crime labs, Stark County Crime Lab and Bureau of Criminal Investigations in Richfield, OH. The US Secret Service provides assistance with any counterfeit money that may be confiscated.

The property room logged in a total of 610 items of property/evidence for 2017. There was a total of 534 items disposed of by court order #2017 MI 00589 through Stark County Common Pleas court. Part of that order contained \$59.21 of monies that were



ordered to be turned in to the general fund for the city. The other items were disposed of by different entities. They were Republic Steel, Stark County Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Project, and the Summit County Bomb Squad.

Republic Steel was used to burn all drugs, weapons, and other items not able to be re-used or donated. The Salvation Army received 17 bicycles that were recovered and donated for their Christmas Shop giveaway in December. The Stark County Domestic Violence Project received health and cleaning products to help supply the needs for their shelter. All of the old ammunition that could not be used for department use was turned over to the Summit County Bomb Squad for disposal.



### Training Bureau

The North Canton Police Department's Training is coordinated by Sgt. Shawn Bates. The department has several certified instructors who conduct various training classes throughout the year. The topics covered by these instructors included, but were not limited to; field training topics, firearms, less lethal systems, OVI detection



and testing, radar & laser speed measuring, and LEADS.

The State of Ohio continued a mandatory "Continuing Professional Training" requirement for all sworn part-time and full-time officers. Again in 2017 the department met these increasing requirements to stay in full compliance with this mandate.



Beyond the states requirements, the department sends officers and dispatchers to outside training resources. This training was selected for the officer as either a "core" training topic that all officers receive during their careers or it may have been based on an officer's current specialty

assignment. In 2015 the department began setting a portion of the training budget aside in an effort to ensure that the department's dispatchers also receive continued training. In 2017 dispatchers were scheduled for multiple training classes and seminars with the continued goal of each full-time dispatcher being scheduled for at least one.

## **Officers**

2017 Courses				
2017 CPT Training	2017 CPT Use of	CAK Tabletop	SFST Instructor	
	Force	Disaster Drill	SI'SI IIISII UCIOI	
Crisis Intervention	Ohio Crime	ALICE Instructor	Armed Suspect	
Team Training	Prevention Conf.	ALICE HISHUCTOR	Recognition	
Less Lethal	CJIS 2.0	LESO Update	Stark County LE	
Instructor	CJ15 2.0	LESO Opuate	Seminar	
Revolver Instructor	Glock Armorer	Ballistics 411	Taser Instructor	
		Workshop	Recertification	
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual DV	Reid Investigation	Field Training	Taser Operator	
Seminar	4 day	Officer	Recertification	

## Dispatcher

2017 Courses			
CJIS 2.0	Public Safety Telecommunicator I	CIT for Dispatchers	Customer Service for Dispatch and
CJIS for Executives (LEADS & TAC)	LEADS In-Service TAC Meeting	CPR	Ripped from the Headlines

In 2017 the Training Bureau continued to be responsible for reviewing all <u>Reaction to Resistance</u> reports filed by the Department's officers. An officer is required by department policy to file a report any time a weapon is displayed/used or physical force is used to gain compliance or overcome resistance from a subject. This review is done to make ensure that policies and procedures are being followed and that any issues or patterns that may arise are addressed.

REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS	2015	2016	2017
Total number of incidents resulting in a Reaction to Resistance Report	16	23	14
Number of those incidents which resulted in an arrest	12	19	10
Number of those incidents which resulted in claimed or observed injury	1 Officer 1 Subjects	1 Officers 4 Subjects	2 Officer 3 Suspects
Number of officers who generated at least one report	14	17	16

The levels of force used by officers in 2017 include:

Empty hand control, Taser displayed, Firearm displayed and other/CPD K9

The Training Bureau also reviews all reported pursuits to insure compliance with the Department's policies and procedures.

VEHICLE PURSUITS	2015	2016	2017
Total number of Incidents resulting in a Vehicle Pursuit report	2	4	0
Total number of officers that generated at least one report	2	6	0
Number of these incidents that resulted in the vehicle being stopped	2	1	0
Number of pursuits that were called off by officer or supervisor	0	3	0
Number of incidents that resulted in an eventual arrest/charge of suspect	2	4	0
Number of incidents that resulted in a crash	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles	0 Officers 0 Suspects 1 Other Vehicles	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles

### **School Crossing Guards**

The Police Department hires, trains, and helps pay for adults to be school crossing guards during the school year. The North Canton City School District reimburses the city for half of the expense of funding the

crossing guards. The crossing guards are responsible for the stellar safety record that we have in getting our children to and from school safely. Twice a day and in all kinds of weather these crossing guards perform their duties at eight selected sites in the city.



We have crossing guards stationed at the following locations:

- Clearmount Ave. S.E. / East Maple St.
- Main / Maple Streets
- West Maple St. / Hillcrest Ave.
- North Main St. / Charlotte St.
- Schneider St. / Clearmount Ave. S. E.
- 200 block of South Main Street
- South Main St. / Bachtel St.
- Glenwood St. S.W. / Fairoaks Ave. S.W.

### Crime Prevention



The Police Department is a member of the **Ohio Crime Prevention Association** and has 3 certified Crime Prevention Specialists; Detective Randy Manse, Ptl. Phil Taylor and Sgt. Frank Kemp Jr.

Those members of the department have

attended the basic Introduction to Crime Prevention – 3 Day Course and have passed the Certification Exam required to attain the title of Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS). These officers also attend yearly Continuing Education Training to maintain their credentials.

Citizens of North Canton can request assistance from the department to conduct training related to a variety of crime prevention topics which could include:

- Personal Safety and Awareness
- Identity Theft
- House of Worship Safety
- Safe Work Environments to include A.L.I.C.E
- Crisis Response
- Residential Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Child ID
- Cyber Safety

## Community Events



The Police Department participated in many community events in 2017. In many cases the Police Department provided traffic control and/or security for these events. In other cases the Department exchanged information with various groups regarding safety and crime prevention. Regardless of our specific role with these events, our participation shows our commitment to the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe, and desirable place to live, learn, work, and visit.



By far the North Canton YMCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Race is one of the largest events held in town. The picture below shows the multi-agency cooperation we get to help provide a safe event.



*Our Thanks* goes out to: Stark County Sheriff's Deputies, Louisville Police Officers, Uniontown Police Officers and all of the local Fire Departments that assist us every year.

## Prescription Drug Drop Off at NCPD





Joining with Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery, a Drug Free Stark County & the Opiate Task Force of Stark County in cooperation with Stark County Police Chiefs' Association

- Program collects medications & disposes of them without harming environment
- All meds accepted- pills, liquids, creams, as well as items such as syringes & tubing
- . CONFIDENTIAL no questions asked and no identification needed
- Located inside rear entrance doors to City Hall accessible 24/7

### **Equipment**

#### **BODY CAMERAS**

During the summer of 2017 the Department fielded Axon Body Cameras for every uniformed patrol officer. This was a joint financial effort with funding through an Ohio Department of Justice Grant, several Private Donors from the community and the City.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

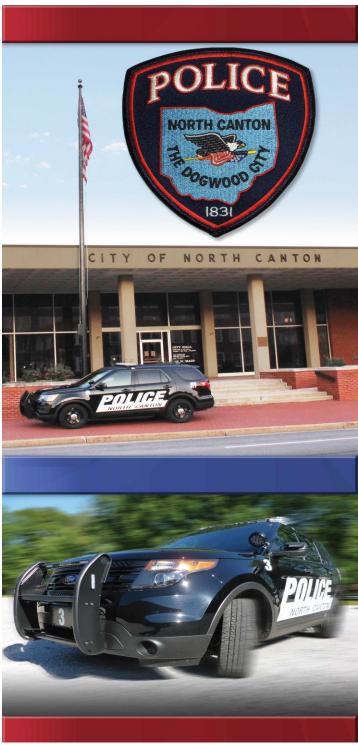
The Dispatch Center utilizes a Motorola MCC5500 radio console and, as an emergency backup, a Motorola EX600XLS radio. The radio repeater located in the city ensures reliable communications with all police and fire units. However, should something happen to the repeater, it is an instant switch to bypass the repeater and use a "talk around" channel to keep communication lines open. The vehicles are still equipped with Motorola radios of sufficient wattage to operate safely in the city even without the repeater.

Over the past few years the department has been progressively adding MARCS capable radios to its inventory. These newer radios will allow North Canton Police the ability to communicate and monitor the radio activities of the adjacent jurisdictions.

### POLICE FLEET

The Police Department maintains a fleet of 13 vehicles used for operations. We have 7 marked cruisers which are used daily and 2 older marked cruisers that are used as court cars and for special details. We have 3 unmarked police vehicles which are used by the Chief, Lieutenant and Detective Bureau. In addition we maintain 1 vehicle for special use which was forfeited to the department through a criminal case.

In 2017 the Police Department purchased 3 New Marked Ford Police SUVs to replace older cruisers as part of our normal rotation of the fleet.



The information used in the preparation of this report was obtained from the records of the North Canton Police Department.

Thank you to Sgt. Frank Kemp for preparing the body of this report.